GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:363
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2007
PRIVATE POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government have delegated powers to private distribution companies like BSES for giving concessions in the payment of electricity bills;

(b) if so, the provisions of the Union Government`s policy under which the State Governments have delegated the said powers to the private distributors;

(c) whether these private distributors send inflated electricity bills to the consumers and later after giving nominal concessions they achieve their targets;

(d) if so, the provisions of the Union Government`s policy under which these powers for giving concessions on inflated bills have been delegated; and

(e) the details of the remedial action proposed by the Union Government to modify the policy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 363 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 27.04.2007 REGARDING PRIVATE POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES.

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : There is no provision in the Electricity Act, 2003, National Electricity Policy and Tariff Policy under which State Governments can delegate powers to distribution companies to give concession to the consumers in payment of electricity bills.

(c) : As informed by the Government of NCT of Delhi and State Regulatory Commissions of Gujarat and Maharashtra, no such complaints has been reported.

(d) & (e) : Do not arise in view of reply to (a) to (c) above.